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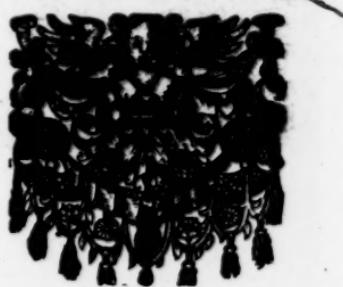
COMMISSION WITH INSTRVCTI- ONS AND DIRECTIONS,

granted by his Maiestie to the Master
and Counsaile of the Court of Wards
and Liueries,

*For compounding for Wards, Ideots,
and Lunaticks,*

*And giuen under His Highnesse great
Seale of England*

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¶ By the King.

A M E S , by the grace of GOD King of England , Scotland , France and Ireland , Defender of the Faith , &c. To Our right trustie, and right welbeloued Councillour, WILLIAM Lord Knollys, Viscount Wallingford, Master of Our Court of Wards and Liueries, And to Our trustie and wellbeloued the Councell of the same Court, And to the Master and Councell of the said Court for the time being, Greeting.

W H E R E A S We haue heretofore published feuerall Commissions, with Instructions and Directions to you Our Master

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and Councell of Our Court of Wards and
Liueries , for compounding for Wards,
Ideots and Lunatiques , now that time
and experience haue produced the know-
ledge of sundry defects , that otherwise
could not easily haue beene foreseen, which
are to bee supplied by explanation and ad-
dition to the same Our Instructions, ac-
cording to Our gracious purpose for the
good of Our louing Subiects, & Our espe-
ciall care for the true answering of Our
Reuenues. And forsomuch as it doth ap-
peare by common experience, in the course
which hath beeene helde since the first
erection of Our Court of Wards and Li-
ueries, That partly by the slackenesse of
the Friends of the Wards, vpon the decease
of the Parents or Ancestours, who haue
forborne to offer timely Composition,
sometimes with opinion, that no Tytle
could be found for Vs, and somtimes with
purpose to suppress the same, & partly by
the suite of other men, the Custodie of the
bodies and lands of Our Wards, haue been
committed to such persons, some for one
respect

respect, some for another, as (notwithstanding
standing the care and prouidence of you the
Master and Councell of Our Court , to
bind them in great Bonds and Couenants
for the well educating of the Children, and
preseruation of their Inheritance) haue
been carclesse of their education , married
some in meane places , committed wastes
and spoyles vpon their Lands , and in the
end haue exacted greater summes of mo-
ney for the marriages of such Wards , then
they ought to haue done in reason and e-
quity; notwithstanding any their disburse-
ments whatsoeuer for passing or procu-
ring the same.

And whereas also Wee haue bene infor-
med by you the Master of the saide Court,
that by reason of the great difficulties that
haue bene found by the Court, vpon sight
of Offices, and Surveyes only, to set downe
Compositions for Wardships and Leafes
of Wards Lands , with such equalitie and
moderation betweene Vs, and Our Sub-
iects , as were iust and reasonable ; and
that through want of due information in
that

that behalfe, much of the profit that might haue bene railed for Vs, hath bene diuerted to diuers Sutors and Committees, who by oblacing the trueth of the Wards estate, and by misinforming of the Court therein, haue reaped greater profite, then was intended, if you could by ordinary meanes, haue come by the knowledge of their values; so as, both Wee haue receiued lesse then otherwise We should haue done, and the Wards found little ease in many cases.

Wherefore, for the preuenting of these and the like inconueniences, and to the end that Our louing Subiects may stand assured, that Wee desire nothing more, then that their Children and their Lands, that shall fall vnto Vs by reason of Wardships, might after their decease, bee committed to their nearest and trustiest friends, or to such as they, by Wil, or otherwise, commit the charge vnto, vpon such valuable considerations, as are iuit and reasonable: And to the intent that the Parents and Ancestours may depart in greater

Wardes committed

ter peace , in hope of this Our gracious fauour ; and their friendes may see their Children brought vp in pietie and learning, and may take such care as is fit, for the preseruation of their inheritance , if they wil seeke the same in time, and by such meanes as are fitte and conuenient; Wee haue thought good hereby to require you, the Master and Councell of the said Court for the time beeing , that in disposing and committing of the custodie of the Bodies and Lands of such Our Wards, whose Ancestours are already deceased , or shall die from and after the date of these presents, and of such Ideots and Lunatiques, and their Estates , as shall fall vnto Vs from hencefoorth, you shal strictly and carefully obserue these Our Directions following.

FIRST, that no Direction for the finding of any Office, bee giuen for Wardship of the Body and Lands of any Ward , vntill the ende of one moneth next after the death of the Ancestor of the Ward, but to the neerest and trustiest

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friends

*All direction for
finding of office
untill a moneth
after the death of
the ancestor.
But to the neerest
& trustiest friends*

friends of the Ward, or other persons nominated by the Ancestor in the Wards behalfe, who may in the meane time, become Suitors for the same, among whom, choice may be made of the best and fittest: and if none of the Wards friends make petition by the end of the moneth, then it shall be lawfull for any other to petition, and to finde the Office for the said Wardship.

*No composition
unto be made
until the Office be found*

ALSO, That no composition, agreement or promise of any Wardship, or Lease of Lands bee made, vntill the Office bee found, and then such of the Friends to haue preferment, as tendered their Petitions within the moneth, they yeelding a reasonable Composition; and in default of them, such others as were or shall be Suitors, yeelding also a reasonable Composition.

*Wardes Jales -
Lance. Goode
Eccles. M.*

ALSO, You shall doe your best indeuours to informe your selues as particularly as you may, by Commission, Survey or otherwise, of the truth of the Wards Estates, as well of his Inheritance, as of his Goods and Chattels, and of the Estate of the

the deceased Ancestor, and of all other due circumstances considerable, to the ende the Compositions may bee such as may stand both with Our reasonable profit, and with the abilitie of the heires estate.

THAT all Petitions for Wardships, Ideots and Lunatiques, shalbe first deliu-
ered to the Clerke of the Court, by the Sui-
tor himselfe, and the Clerke of the Court
is hereby directed to make entry of the
same Petitions without any Fee, the very
day of the deliuery of the same, and returne
them to the Suior, who shall afterward
present the same Petition openly at the
Councell Table of the Court of Wards,
there to be ordered by the Officers at their
next sitting.

THAT euery such Petition doe ex-
presse the feuall Counties, wherein the
Ancestors died seised of Lands.

THAT all Petitioners that haue war-
rant to finde an Office, and appointed to
attend at a certaine day, if after they finde
no Office, nor doe not attend before the
Officers for their Composition, at such

*Petitions for
Wardships
etc.*

*Petitioners
not finding
Office. not
attending*

time as was appointed, then they shall loose the benefit of their Petition, and their bond shalbe put in Processe, sauing they shall be admitted to make their reasonable excuse in any of the foresaid Cases.

Feodary

THA T every Feodary doe appoint some certaine person and place in London, whither the Court may send directions to bee conueyed to the Feodaries continually for Our seruice.

certificate

THA T euery Feodary at the end of euery Terme, attend the Clerke of the Court, and take notice and direction out of the Petitions entred with the saide Clerke, in what Counties Our Tenaunts died seised of any Lands, and of the Lands of Idiots, and that the Feodaries accordingly send vp their Certificate of the best imrooed valew of all the same Lands, lying in their said seuerall Counties, by the first sitting of the Officers the next Terme following.

viewe

THA T the Feodary doe make his Certificate by viewe or other speciall information of the best imrooed valew, with his reasons

reasons thereof priuately without giuing
knowledge to the Sutor, or any for him of
any valew intended by him to be certified,
and without taking any Fee or Reward
from the Sutor, or any for him for valew-
ing the Lands or personall estate.

*Without giving
knowledge*

Without fee.

THAT the Feodaries do name in their Certificats, the Lands in order one after another, as they lye in order in the Office, and to set downe in the one Margent of their Certificats, the valew in the office, and in the other Margent the improoued valew certified to the Officers, and the same valuations to be distributed according to the estates found in the Office.

*Form of Certi-
ficate*

Valewe

THAT the Feodarie doe certifie all Coppieholds, Leases, valew of woods, or other personall estate that commeth to the Ward, or any immediate possiblitie of any estate of Lands, whereby his marriage may be improoued.

*Copy holdes
Leases
woods. &
small es.*

THAT the Feodary shall not mention in his Certificate, any thing omitted out of the office against the King to abate the Composition, but shall leauue the same to

*not mention
any thing om-
itted out of the
office*

be alledged by the Suitor to be allowed (if cause be) vpon proofe to be made thereof by them at the Composition.

*Escheator &
Feodary & Com-
missioners to
Dvide for Officers
Lydyngh*

THAT the Escheator, and Feodary, and Commissioners shall prouide, that Offices bee not confusedly found, by ioyning diuers Mannors and Lands in one grosse value together.

*Delivery of
Certificates
sealed.*

*By the hands
of a stranger.*

THAT the Certificates of the Feodarie bee deliuered by the first sitting of the Officers in euery Terme, to the Clerke of the Court, close sealed vp, and so to remaine with the Clerke vnopened, vntill the time of Composition: And if it be deliuered by the hands of a stranger, then he to deliuier it vpon oath, according to the vsuall course of the Court in like cases, and to be brought by the Clerke vnopened, at the Officers sitting there to be opened, and vse to bee made of the same.

*Value of Offices
found by the
Valuor.*

THAT the Feodaries doe find Offices at the best value that may appeare vpon search of ancient Offices, or other Records; if there be no Record, then to be found by the Iurie, according to Euidence to bee giuen.

THAT

THAT no Office be found within the
yeere after the death of the Ancestor a-
gainst Vs or a meane Tenure of Vs (not be-
ing Knights seruice) for any Ward within
age, vntill the Feodary or Escheteor do first
acquaint the Court for further directions
therein, which the Feodary is inioyned to
doe with all conuenient expedition.

No office to be
had in the
feodary or
Escheteor
against
the King within
a yeare after
the death - so.

THAT euery Feodary and Escheteor,
before the third Returne of euery Terme,
shall certifie into the Court, a note of all
Offices found in the vacation next before,
and whether a Tenure be found for Vs in
Capite or by Knights seruice, & the names
of the Ancestor and Heire, and his age.

Feodary & Es-
cheteor certi-
ficate of offices
found in the
vacation

THAT the Clerks of the Pettie Bagge,
doe file and transcribe all Offices that bee
brought to them, and not to reiect or sup-
presse the same, and the like course to bee
vsed in the Exchequer with Offices that be
returned into the Exchequer; and that all
due Fees bee foorthwith discharged and
payd vnto the Clerkes and Officers of the
sayd Courts: And if any person shall denie
or negleget to pay any such due Fees, then
vpon

Upon the petition of the sayd Clerke to the Court of Wards, order shall bee taken for their satisfaction.

THAT no Eschetor shall inforce any man to shew his Evidence vnto himselfe, neither shall hee haue any power to discharge the Subiects from finding their Offices.

THAT all Sales and Compositions for Wardships of the Bodies, and Leases of Lands, (except the cases of Concealements hereafter mentioned) and all Commitments of Ideots, and custodie of their Estates beemade by the Master and Counsell of the same Court, openly in the Councell Chamber of the Court of Wards, and by such persons as are authorised by Statute in that behalfe. Neuerthelesse, the Surveyor of the Liueries, the Attourney of the Wards, Receiuer and Auditors, or any foure of them, without the Master, may treat with any to bring the sayd Wardships, and the Leases, and the Commitments of Ideots to a price, openly in the Councell Chamber of the Court of Wards, and

and acquaint the Master therewith; in whose power it shall bee to allow of the same, according to the said Statute.

THAT Leales of Wards Lands (except the cases of Concealments hereafter mentioned) be made with a small or little Fine, and for the bestimproued yerely Rent that shall be offered, consideration being had of all due cautions, as aforesayd.

THAT fellable Woode, and Fines of Copiholds of inheritance bee also reasonably valued and demised with the Lands, for the best yeerely Rent, as aforesaid, with prouision for fellable Woods, that the Lef-sees sell them by fit portions.

THAT Fines of Copiholds for liues bee made and raised to Our vse, when, and as often as the Court shall thinke good, by certaine particular Commissioners, to bee appointed by the Master and Councell of Our sayd Court; which Commissioners shall bee charged to make the best of such Copiholds to bee granted, and truely to answere vnto Vs into Our Receipt of Our sayd Court, all such summes, without fraud

or couin, as by them shal haue bin receiued, due consideracion being had of their pains and expences, or else the same to bee compounded for at the Councell chamber of the Court of Wards, as in other cases of compositions.

THAT the rate and summe agreed vpon by the Commissioners for the composition of any Ward or Lease, do stand, and bee not abated in the composition, neither in the Fine nor Rent.

THAT no Wardships of the Body or Land (except the cases of concealements hereafter mentioned) shal be giuen or granted to any person, or at his luit, by way of reward or benefit, but the best price & value that shalbe offered, shalbe taken to Our vse; So alwayes as the neerest and trustiest Friends, or the persons nominated by the Ancestor (they seeking the same in time conuenient, as aforesayd, and making fit offer for it) bee preferred, and consideracion had of the Wardes Estate, and of all due circumstances considerable in such Cases.

THAT

THAT no Fine for any concealed Wardship, or the Fine of the Lease of any Land be assedled, but openly at the Councell Chamber of the Court of Wards, by the Master and the Councell at their seuerall sittings.

THAT no mittigation of any meane rates, valewes and forfeiture of marriage, Fines, debts or charges be discharged or abated, but by the Master and Councell openly at their seuerall sittings.

THAT not only euery Committee and Lessee, but euery Assignee of euery Committee or Lessee (except the Cases of Concealments hereafter mentioned) shall take the Oath, *wiz.* &c. And for that purpose euery Committee, and Lessee, & Assignee, shall be sworne whether he taketh it to his owne vse, or to the vse of any other, to the end they may both take the Oath.

AND furthermore, Wee doe hereby require and authorise you, that you giue order, that euery person that shall prosecute such Composition for the custodie of a Ward, Ideot, or Lunatique, or Lease of their

Land, or other estate (except the Cases of Concealments hereafter mentioned) shall before any grant of the body, or lease of the Lands, bee delivered vnto him vnder the Scale of Our said Court, take his corporall Oath in open Court, or by Commission (if the cause shall so require) before three Commissioners at the least, whereof one to be a Justice of the Peace, to be certified and returned into the Court, before the deliuer-
ry of such graunt or Lease, in maner and forme following, viz.

*F. A. B. doe sweare, That nei-
ther F, nor any other to my knowledge,
haue or bath giuen, or promised, pro-
cured or cōsented to giue or to be giuen a-
ny gift or reward, directly or indirec-
tly, unto any Officer or Officers of the
Court of Wards and Liveries, or to a-
ny other person or persons whatsoeuer,
for procuring any preferment to com-
pound before an other, or for mitiga-
tion*

tion in the price or payment in any Composition or Contract made, or to be made for the Wardship of the body of I. S. his Majesties Ward, and the Lease of any the saide Wards Lands, or for the signing or dispatching of any Grants of them, or any of them, or for the mitigation of the yerely value of any of the Lands of the said Ward (ordinary Fees onely excepted,) And that I will not give, nor any with my consent shall give, or consent to be given any gift or reward, directly or indirectly for the causes aforesaid, or any of them. And that I doe take the saide Wardship to the use of the said Ward, and the saide Lease to the use of A. B. and not in trust for or to the use of any other person or persons whatsoeuer; So helpe mee God.

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THAT

THAT especiall choice be made of the Commissioners that receiue the Oath in the Countrey, so that the Oath may bee truely and fully taken by the Committees, Lessees and Assignees, and the parties committing trust to any other.

THAT the Oath be taken by those that are Committees or Lessees vpon neglect *in
hoc verba.*

*F.A.B. doe sweare, that neither
I, nor any other to my knowledge, or
as I beleue or haue heard, haue or
hath taken any course, or vsed any
practise or combination directly or in-
directly, by my selfe or by an other,
with any person or persons whatsoe-
uer, to stay or hinder the prosecution
of, and for the Composition for the
Wardship of the body of B.C. or the
Lease of any of the said Wards lands,
with any purpose or intent whatsoeuer,
that*

that the said Wardship and Lease,
or either of them, by such neglect and
default of prosecution, might come to
mee, or to any other to my use, or by
my meanes or procurement, or to my
knowledge; So helpe me God.

THAT no Recusant bee admitted to
compound, or bee Assignee of any Ward
of Bodie or Lands, or of Ideots.

THAT all tenders and continuances
of Liueries, be onely made to the Suruey-
our of the Liueries, who is commanded to
take an exact care of Our iust profits ther-
in, Wee intending an account of him for
that seruice.

THAT the Feodaries shall make Sur-
ueys vpon Liueries, in cases of ful age, as wel
as in cases within age; and both according
to the reasonable value, hauing respect to
the improued value.

BVT touching Lunatiques, let no com-
position bee taken for the committing of
them or their Estates; but let such care be
had

had therein, as they may bee freely committed to their best and neareſt friends, that can receiue no benefit by their death, and the Committees bound to anſWERE, not onely the values found by Office, but the very iuft value of their Estates vpon ac-compts, for the benefit of ſuch Lunatique, (if hee recouer) or of his next Heire, Executors or Administrators, due regard beeing had to the paines and charges of ſuch Committees, in keeping, maintaining, gouerning, and curing of the ſaid distracted persons.

THA T all the reuenues of the Wards Lands bee immediatly payd into the Receipt of the Wards, vnto the Receiuer of the ſame Court, by the Farmors and Leſsees themſelues, and ſhal not bee paid vnto the hands of any other (excepting ſuch Rents that bee vnder the value of tenne pounds a yeere, which are appointed to be paid vnto the Feodaries.

THA T Petitions or demands for any allowance from vs exhibited by the Feodaries, or any other, for any ſervice or diſbursements,

bursments shall not be granted or allowed vntill the same be both particularly examined and allowed by the Master and Counsell openly at their seuerall sittings.

That the Receiuers account bee taken and declared euery yeere, according to the Statute of 32. *Henr. Octavi*, before the Master of the Wards, Attourney, & one or both of the Auditors; and after the determination of the sayd accompt, the Master, Attourney, and the Auditor or Auditors, shall all of them set their hands to the Receiuers booke of Accompts, which is and shall be for the Receiuers charge and discharge, as the case shall require.

THAT the Auditors doe ingrosse into Parchment all the said Receiuers accounts, according to the expresse time and direction of the Statute of 32. *Henrici Octavi*, and doe yeerely certifie and returne the same so ingrossed, with all the Warrants, Acquittances and Debenters into the Treasurie of the Court of Wards, there to remaine as the Records of the Court, according to the Statute, and the ancient course of the Court.

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THAT

THA T all the accompts of the Feoda-
ries be likewise declared and certified eue-
ry *Hillary* Terme, to the Master and Coun-
cell of the Wards, openly at the sittings of
the Officers in the Councell Chamber,
that the Court may knowe how the re-
maines vpon their accompts bee satisfied
and paide, and their accompts to be accor-
dingly returned into the Court, there to
remaine.

AND because Our purpose in this
course, which now is taken, is to raise with
as little grieuance as may be to Our louing
Subiects, that reasonable benefit which
ought to come vnto Vs, by the Marriages
of Our Wards, and by their Leases of their
Lands, whereof a great part hath been di-
uerced by Grants to Committees, and o-
therwise: Wee doe hereby declare, that it is
not Our meaning to change the course
that hath been formerly held and vsed in
finding Offices; nor to presse the raising
or improouing of any values or Rates in
any Inquisitions, other then as aforesaid:
Neither will Wee haue the Rents which
shall

shall bee reserved vpon such Leases , or any such Certificats, Informations or Instructions, as shall by any meanes be giuen or appeare of the valewes of such Wards Lands or estates, to be transcribed, or transmitted to any other Court, Office, place or person; or admitted or vised as President, evidence or inducement, to charge Our Subiects in any other payments now, or hereafter answerable vnto Vs, Our Heires or Successors, or for any other cause.

NEVERTHELES , Wee are well pleased and contented, that if any Wardship, Lease of Land , Meane rates before or after full age, now be, or hereafter shal be concealed from Vs , and no Suite shall be made within three yeeres next after Our Tenants death , for such Wardship or Lease ; that in such case the Master and Councell of the Court of Wards , openly in the Councell-chamber , as aforesaid , may admit any fit person whatsoeuer, that shall make offer to discouer Our right so concealed, or sought to be concealed and suppressed, vpon good matter or proofe , shewed for Vs and ap-

proued by the Court, to prosecute the finding of an Office; and to passe the saide Wardship, lease or Meane rates, without restraining or binding the said Court, or the partie prosecuting, according to the Directions aboue mentioned, but that the Master and Council of the said Court, may openly in the councel-Chamber, as aforesaid, according to the parties traualle, expenses, aduenture and seruice done vnto Vs, reward him, by granting such Wardship, Lease, or Meane rates, in such sort as others may be encouraged to employ themselues in the like Seruice; And all deuices and practises to deceiue and defraud Vs of Our due and iust Right, be better preuented; Any thing in these our Instructions or Directions to the contrary notwithstanding.

PROVIDED alwayes, and Wee doe hereby declare it to be Our will and pleasure, that where it shall appeare to you, that neither Wee nor Our Progenitors, haue enjoyed any benefit by Wardship, Liuery, Primer seisen, Reliefe, Respect of Homage, Fines or Meane Rates of any Lands within

within the space of threescore yeeres last past, where such benefite ought to haue come to the Crowne, if such Tenure had bene acknowledged: In such cases We are pleased to giue power and authoritie to you Our Maister and Councell of Our Court, openly in the councel-Chamber, as aforesaid, to remit and release all such Benefit and profit, as haue or ought to haue accrued vnto Vs, or to Our Progenitors, by reason of any such Tenure, allowing to such persons as haue prosecuted in Our behalfe, such part thereof as shall seeme good in your discretion, not exceeding a thirde part of the whole, as the same shalbe found by inquisition; Sauing to Vs, Our Heires and Successours, the right and inheritance of Our Tenures; And sauing Our Prerogatiue, and the benefit and profit of such Tenures of Vs, or Our Progenitors, as doe exprefly appeare by matter of Record; And also such as haue bene created, or otherwife come vnto Vs within the same time of threescore yeeres.

AND now that We haue so sufficiently directed you, as Wee make little doubt but you will bee carefull of Our profit in the execution of your places; So neuerthelesse, Wee let you know hereby, that seeing Our owne iudgement tells Vs, that there may fall into your considerations many circumstances, which must guide you in affessing the Fines for the marriages of Our Wards, and Renting of their Lands; some arising either out of the broken estate of the deceased, want of prouision for his Wife, his great charge of children vnprovided for, infirmite or tendernes of the Heire, vncertainty of the Title, or greatness of incumbrance vpon the Land, so as some Heire, that may in respect of his degree, blood, or liuing, in opinion of the world be iudged to deserue a greater Rent or Fine, then some other persons more obscure may, yet in regard of the causes aboue mentioned, or some other of like sort, lesse fit to haue any greater charge laid vpon him: Wee doe therefore, notwithstanding

standing any thing contained in these Our Instructions, giue you full libertie, that as these, or any other the like considerations, shall offer themselues vnto you, you may vse that good discretion and conscience which is fit, openly in the Councell chamber, as aforesaid, in mittigating or abating the Fines or Rents vpon the said Grants or Leases, to the relieve of such necessities; So alwayes as care be taken, that by any such pretenses, that profit which should accrue vnto Vs, be not diuerted to any others that shall seeke to drawe to themselues a priuate benefit out of this Our gracious care and consideration. And Our will and pleasure is, and We do hereby direct and authorise you the Master and Councell of the sayd Court, and the Master and Councell of the same for the time beeing, that with the aduice of Our Judges, Assistants of Our sayd Court, you diligently examine, search out, and reforme all fraudu-
lent deuices and practises, deuised or to be deuised and put in yre, to deceiue and de-
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feate Vs of Our Wardships , or Leases of Our Wards Lands, or of any due or iust benefit belonging vnto Vs , by reason of Our Tenures.

A N D lastly , that the Master of the Wardes, Surueyour , Attourney , Receiuer , Auditors , Clerke of the Court , and his Deputie , the Clerke of the Liueries and his Deputie , and all the Feodaries , and the Masters Secretarie , and all other Officers , and persons employed in his Majesties Reuenue of the Wards , shall take an expresse oath , openly in the Councell chamber of the Court of Wardes , in manner and forme following .

I, A.B. doe sweare , that neither I, nor any other person for me by my appointment , knowledge or consent , shall take or receive of any person , any gift or reward directly or indirectly , for any Composition or pre-ferment ,

ferment, or causing any person or persons to be preferred to compound before another, or to haue any mitigation in the price, or payment in any Composition or contract, at any time hereafter to bee made for the Wardship of the bodie, or Lease of the Lands of any his Maiesties Wards, or for the custody of any his Maiesties Ideots, or Lunatikes, or their Lands, Goods or Chattels, or for the signing or dispatching of any Warrant for any Grant of them or any of them, excepting ordinary Fees: So helpe mee God. In witnesse whereof Wee haue caused these Our Letters to bee made Patents.

Witnesse Our selfe at West-
E minster

minster the eleuenth day of December, in the sixteenth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the two and fiftieth.

Per ipsum Regem.



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